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CURRENT INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Summary of Trip Report of General Maxwell D. Taylor, Middle East, 21 April - 3 May 1963

1. General Taylor's trip report is a collection of various documents, principally briefing papers prepared for him but also a number of memoranda of conversations he had with military and political figures in Greece, Turkey, and Iran. The occasion for his trip was the 13th Session of the CENTO Military Committee, which met in Tehran on 27-28 April. He visited Turkey and toured US bases there en route to the Tehran meeting, and stopped in Athens on his way back to the US. The great bulk of his report is concerned with technical military matters and the status of MAP and MAAG programs.

2. General Taylor's interviews elicited no statements of new positions that the intelligence community has not been aware of. The Shah seemed particularly concerned by the threat that a new, radical-minded Arab Federation might pose for his government. He was also interested in the possibility of an airborne "command post" from which he could securely direct operations in an emergency. Greek Prime Minister Karamanlis dwelt on Greece's economic problems, a perennial subject of concern. Karamanlis did remark, concerning the proposed multilateral nuclear force, that NATO would be divided into "stupid" and "clever" nations--the stupid ones would contribute to the multilateral force, while the clever would enjoy its protection without making a contribution. He nonetheless pledged "strong" Greek support for the multilateral force concept.

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4. General Taylor summarized, in Tab G of his trip report, the results of the CENTO meeting. He found some "new trends perceptible in the alliance, notably the rise of national concerns for limited situations, particularly Pakistan with relations to India and Iran in relation to the Federated Arab Republic." He reported these impressions to Secretary Rusk in Tehran on 28 April.

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